THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Government have seen the news item in the 'Statesman' dated 30th March, 1994.

(b) National Film Development Corporation, a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of this Ministry has been asked to consider this.

(c) Under the EXIM Policy the producer of the film is free to export the film for marketing abroad.

Expansion and Modernisation of Air Services

4478. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the plan to modernise and expand AIR services inçludes improved broadcast coverage of the AIR in the border areas to effectively counter hostile propaganda being made by some neighbouring countries ; and

(b) by when the plan is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All India Radio has a Continuous programme to modernise and expand its services. The programme drawn under the VIIIth Plan of Rs. 1134.95 crores, includes continuation of ongoing schemes, Modernisation and Replacement schemes, new schemes and Software schemes. The broadcast coverage of the border areas will also be improved under the above mentioned schemes. These schemes are likely to be completed during the VIIIth Plan period.

Telecasting Tamil film songs on Doordarshan

4479. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Film Producers of Tamil Nadu have protested against the increase in charges for telecasting Tamil film songs on Doordarshan ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the steps taken to telecast Tamil film songs on Doordarshan in the context of the decision taken by the Film Producers Association of Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tamil Film Producers Council represented against the hike in the telecast fee of Tamil film songs under sponsored category.

(c) The hike has been withdrawn by Doordarshan.

Violence in films and T.V.

4480. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 4th April, 1994 under the caption, 'screen violence disturb child mind' ;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard ;

(c) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the recent study undertaken by a group of leading British Child Psychologists concluding that there is a definite link between violence portrayed in video films and television and aggression among youngsters ; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Government have seen the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 4th April, 1994 under the caption "Screen violence distorts child mind". According to the news item, a group of leading British child psychologists has concluded that there is definite link between violence portrayed in video films and on television and aggression among youngsters.

(d) No such study has been made in India. However, all films, including video films, intended for public exhibition are to be examined by the Central Board of Film Certification in the light of the guidelines issued by Government. According to these guidelines, while examining films for certification, the Board shall *inter-alia*, ensure that—

(i) anti-social activities such as violence are not glorified or justified ;

(ii) scenes showing involvement of children in violence as victims or as perpetrators or as forced witness to violence, or showing children as being subjected to any form of child abuse are not presented ; and

(iii) pointless or avoidable scenes of violence, cruelty and horror, scenes of violence primarily intended to provide entertainment and such scenes as may have the effect of desensitising people are not shown.

Doordarshan programmes are telecast after preview. The programmes are also reviewed on regular basis and suitable changes carried out wherever warranted.

Joint Venture for TV Channels

4481. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan has recently received a number of foreign proposals for joint venture television channels ;

(b) if so, what are the details of each of these proposals ; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken on each of these proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Proposals for leasing of transponders of INSAT have been received.

(c) The proposals are at different stages of evaluation.

Sale of Doordarshan Programmes in International Market

4482. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has decided to work as a conduit for private producers wanting to sell their programmes in the International Market ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what will be the rate of commission for Doordarshan for the job ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Doordarshan provides marketing services for private producers programmes using its own infrastructure at 15 per cent commission.

औरंगाबाद में दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र

4483. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री 1 मार्च, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 927 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि औरंगाबाद दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र पर सरकार द्वारा कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है और इसकी देखभाल के लिए कितने कर्मचारी कब से तैनात किये गये हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : बिहार के औरंगाबाद में स्थापित अल्प शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर हेतु, फरवरी, 94 तक 63.91 लाख रुपये का व्यय किया गया है । फरवरी, 93 से लेकर विभिन्न तारीखों में अल्प शक्ति ट्रांसमीटर केन्द्र पर 5 कर्मचारी तैनात किए गए हैं ।

भारतीय प्रेस परिषद को अधिकार प्रदान करना

4484. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय प्रेस परिषद को प्रतिवर्ष समाचार पत्रों के विरुद्ध बहुत सारी शिकायतें प्राप्त होती हैं ;